



HOPWA 2001 Competition Overview

Renewal of Expiring Grants (Part A)

The Super Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's Housing, Community Development and Empowerment Programs (SuperNOFA) for \$2.75 billion, published 2-26-01, includes funds for the 2001 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) competition.

Under the provisions of the HUD Appropriation Act for FY2001, the Secretary is required to renew all expiring grants that were funded under prior HOPWA competitions, if the grantee meets all program requirements. As a significant change, from previous years, renewal of expiring HOPWA grants will be given priority over new projects, as follows.

Applications: The HOPWA application kit and the SuperNOFA User Guide are available from the SuperNOFA Information Center 1-800-HUD-8929 or 1-800-483-2209 TTY and this information is on the internet at <http://www.hud.gov>.

Due Date: Midnight, Tuesday, April 24, 2001 for HOPWA renewal projects. Applicants should send their original application and one copy to HUD Headquarters (Room 7251) and two copies to the area CPD office (hand delivery or mail).

Funds: Approximately \$25.542 million

Grant Size: The maximum is \$1.2 million for program activities. Additional administrative costs (up to 3 percent for grantees and up to 7 percent for sponsors) and funds to collect data on project outcomes (up to \$50,000) are also available.

HOPWA National Performance Goal: Proposed activities must increase the amount of housing assistance and related supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families to enable them to achieve housing stability and access to health-care and related supportive services.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants for renewal must be the same entity, State or local government agency or nonprofit organizations that was selected for funding **under a prior competition**. The project should also continue with the same project sponsors, although HUD will consider the merits for changing.

Eligible Grants: Grants awarded funds in 1997, 1998 or 1999 are eligible to apply for renewal if the project expects to complete activities in FY2001 or FY2002.

1996 awards are not eligible for renewal unless the grantee documents that HUD approved a grant extension. HOPWA grants funded in 1992-1995 are not eligible for renewal and grantees evidencing failing or weak performance are not eligible for renewal.

Expiring Grants: Grants must be expiring in FY 2001 or 2002 and the project will not have sufficient funds to continue activities in 2002, as measured by HUD. In addition, if the grant expired in FY2000 or earlier, it is not eligible for renewal.

Eligible Renewal Activities: The activities to be renewed must be on-going forms of support for HOPWA-eligible persons, such as rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments, operating costs for housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, leasing, maintenance costs, supportive service costs, housing information services, and resource identification/technical assistance for community residences activities.

If a prior grant was awarded funds for the acquisition of a site or building, for new construction or for rehabilitation costs, these capital development activities are not on-going or available for additional sites and funding for these cannot be renewed. Projects that seek to undertake additional capital development activities or to add funding for new HOPWA activities, such as operating costs and services, must apply under as a new project. You may add up to 20 percent more funding per activity for all eligible activities, except that the activity costs may not exceed \$1.2 million.

Failing or Weak Performance. Grantees that were subject to deobligation or other sanctions by HUD or that evidence weak performance in carrying out activities will not be eligible for renewal grants. HUD will consider that weak performance is evidenced if there are unresolved monitoring findings during the active competitive period, from the date of this notice until the selection of grants, or other HUD knowledge of unresolved problems, for example, that planned activities remain delayed in their implementation, a significant number of units are vacant, or annual progress reports were not filed with HUD at the time of the due date for renewals, or significant citizen complaints are unresolved or not responded to with justified reasons. HUD will also consider that weak

performance is evident if more than 50 percent of grant funds remain unexpended at that beginning of the month for the due date for renewals (as measured by reimbursements filed with HUD's financial system, PAS).

Selection. The Department will select for funding all renewal requests from applicants that meet program requirements and pass a threshold review for a need for renewal to the degree that funds are available. In the case that the amount requested for renewal is less than the amount available under this notice, HUD will apply the remaining funds to new projects. If the amount of the request for renewal activities is greater than the amount made available by this notice, HUD will select all of the approvable applications and allocate awards to each based on a prorata reduction to the amount available under this notice to ensure that all eligible and performing renewal projects receive funding that allows their continued operation.

Selection Criteria. HUD will review all renewal applications based on the following criteria:

(1) Eligibility

- (2) Organizational Capacity. If a new project sponsor is added to the existing project.
- (3) Need for Renewal. Applicants should complete a need for renewal narrative and Need for Renewal Chart. A project should meet measurable progress in its operation and expenditure of funds.
- (4) Threshold Requirements. The application should meet the standard threshold requirements as described in Part B, Section V(A) of the HOPWA program NOFA.

SuperNOFA Broadcasts: A satellite broadcast will be offered to explain and answer questions on the HOPWA renewal section of the SuperNOFA. The broadcast will be held on March 6th (1-2pm EST) and can be accessed from www.hud.gov via live webcast.

Other Funding Resources: Information on other HUD programs and the 2001 HOPWA formula allocations of \$229.472 million can be found by visiting <http://www.hud.gov/cpd/cpdalloc.html>.

For More Information: Call the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, HUD at (202) 708-1934 or visit the HOPWA webpage at <http://www.hud.gov/cpd/hopwahom.html>.